

inputting at least one new policy value for a good based on the exception request analysis;

B1 cont calculating the value; and

displaying the value.

B2 10. (once amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of recognizing an exception request comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for receiving and storing additional information for calculating a value for the exception request.

B3 12. (once amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of recognizing an exception request comprises the step of recognizing trends in similar exception requests.

B4 34. (once amended) A system for providing a value of a good to a requester, said system comprising:

at least one computer;

a server configured to read input data relating to a request for a value of the good and data relating to the good, said server further configured to determine whether the value of the good can be calculated based on the inputted data including determining whether the good has a policy value assigned thereto, recognize the request for the value of the good as an exception request if no response is provided by the system to the request for the value of the good, analyze trends among a plurality of exception requests, receive at least one new policy value for a good based on the exception request analysis, and calculate the value of the good;

a network connecting said server to said computer; and

a user interface allowing a requester to input data relating to a request for the value of the good and data relating to the good and receive the value of the good output.

B5 45. (once amended) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is further configured to store and submit the exception request and to inform an analyst of the existence of the exception request.

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~~46. (once amended) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured for receiving and storing additional information for calculating the value for the exception request.~~

~~47. (once amended) A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured for recognizing trends in similar exception requests.~~

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~~63. (once amended) A system according to Claim 62 wherein said interface is further configured to allow updating of matrix values from one of policy value, value stream and cell value.~~

Please add the following new claims:

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~~66. (newly added) A method for providing a value of a good to a requester, the method comprising the steps of:~~

~~uploading data relating to a request for a value of a good and data relating to the good to a computer configured as a calculator;~~

~~determining whether the value of the good can be calculated based on the uploaded data including determining whether the good has a policy value assigned thereto;~~

~~calculating the value of the good if the value can be calculated based on the uploaded data;~~

~~recognizing the request for the value of the good as an exception request if the value cannot be calculated based on the uploaded data and then prompting the requester to provide additional information relating to the good;~~

~~researching by an analyst the value of the good based on the uploaded data and the additional information;~~

~~calculating the value of the good based on the research performed by the analyst;~~